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DELPHINIUM and MUM CATALOG
and
CULTURE GUIDE

Delphinium Care and Culture

As we do not sell seed and as this part of the Delphinium culture seems to be the most treacherous, we will take the culture of transplanting the plant as it will come to you. If you have a problem of germination of seed or some other phase of Delphinium culture, please feel free to write and we will gladly do our best to help you.

As your plants arrive, unpack and remove the paper that is around them. If dry, wet well and set in airy place until ready to plant. They should be planted as soon as they arrive but if due to weather conditions or for any other reason it is impossible, they should keep quite well for a week or two.

Where you plant them is not too important but sunshine is important to any blooming plant. If I had my choice, full morning sun and partial shade in the afternoon would be ideal, but such places are seldom available and people raise fine Delphinium anyway, so it may just be my idea.

Soil should be well prepared by digging in liberal applications of well rotted manure. A sprinkling of Bone Meal worked into the ground, good drainage and uniform supply of moisture during the growing season are essential.

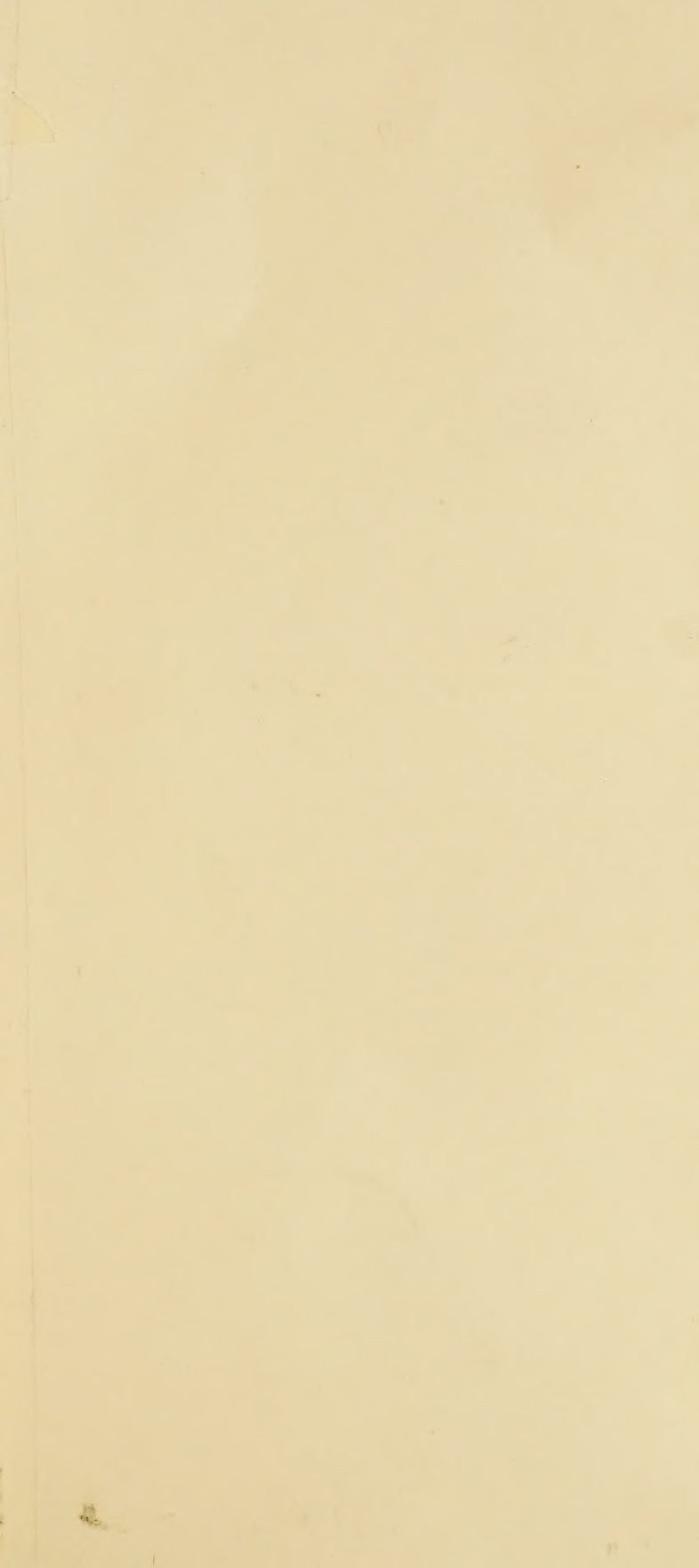
Feeding: When the first crop of blooms has faded, cut the flower spikes off just above the foliage and keep slightly dry for two or three weeks, to give the plants time to rest before the new shoots appear above the ground. When this takes place, cut the rest of the old stock off, sprinkle a teaspoonful of ammonium phosphate around each plant, rake it into the soil slightly and water thoroughly. From the new shoots appearing from the ground select two or three of the strongest and break the rest out. The remaining ones will develop into fine spikes again. Do not force a new growth late in autumn: rather, keep the plants on the dry side, because if forced into bringing a third crop late in the season the plants will soon exhaust themselves and gradually die.

Diseases and Insects: Are more or less a matter of geographic location. What will affect a plant in the North or East may not be heard of in another part of the country.

Here in central Indiana we spray regularly with Rote-cide Extra or any spray that will kill red spider mite. In the spring we use Fermate or Bordeaux Mixture and again in the fall. Fermate can be mixed with other sprays.

The best source of information available we think is the American Delphinium Society Year Book.

Length of Life: Length of life of Delphinium plants is governed by several factors. In climates with a long resting period in winter, the plants will usually live much longer than in districts where this period is confined to but one month of the year. Some may die after the first flowering, while others live for years.



DELPHINIUM

We offer the following list of Delphinium plants greenhouse grown in pots and shipped with dirt on the roots. Ready to set out and start growing in your garden.

We do not claim any new or improved strain; we sow the best seed we can buy of the strain that most people want and enjoy—the Vetterle and Reinelt Strain of Giant Pacific Hybrid Delphinium. For beauty and grace and wide range of color this strain cannot be surpassed.

Galahad — The finest clear white Delphinium. Huge double flower on long, closely set spikes. If you have never grown Galahad you owe it to yourself to make a planting of this fine Delphinium.



Bodger's Hollyhock Strain

Percival—Large glistening white flowers with strongly contrasting dark bee.

Summer Skies—Light blue with an attractively contrasting white bee.

Blue Bird—Clearest of medium blue with white bee.

Blue Jay—A brilliant true medium to dark blue with dark bee.

Lancelot—A clear lavender self white bee; a rare color in Delphiniums.

Guinivere—A clear, pink-lavender self with white bee. Very large flowers.

Cameliard—A clear lavender self with white bee with good growing habits.

King Arthur—A rich royal purple with velvety texture and large white bee. Beautiful.

30c each; 100 for \$20.00

SPECIAL OFFER

One each of 14 varieties listed for \$3.75

Ten of One Kind for \$2.50

DELPHINIUM

Back Knight—The darkest violet with dark bee; truly a show flower.

Round Table—As its name implies it represents all the color of the above, with many new and unusual colors. Ideal for show purposes.

Blackmore and Langdon Hybrids—Shades of blue with contrasting bees. A fine free-flowering hybrid strain.

Bodger's Hollyhock Strain — Extra large, tapering spikes. Long blooming period. Shades of blue.

English Strain of Wrexham Hollyhock — The finest large flowering type to date. Immense spikes. Mixed shades.

30c each; 100 for \$20.00

New Delphinium for 1953

YOU SHOULD TRY IT ! ! !

Astolat—The best new pink yet developed. Composed mainly of pale pink shades with several darker tones. Some may be raspberry rose. All have dark bees.

35c each; 12 for \$3.50

Delphinium Belladonna

The Belladonna Delphinium does not grow quite as tall as the popular Pacific Hybrids but they produce more spikes and therefore are more useful for cutting. They require care and treatment as suggested for the Hybrids but may be planted closer together. 12 inches apart is sufficient space for them. Their lovely blue spikes are about three or four feet high and produce in June and again in September.

Belladonna Improved—A carefully reselected strain of this popular light blue.

25c each; 12 for \$2.50

Hardy Chrysanthemums

One of Each

20 Varieties Listed on

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\$5.00

Hardy Chrysanthemums



The ever increasing popularity of this hardy flower, its ability to grow and bloom under almost any condition, the abundance of lovely sprays, wide range of colors, and a blooming period after most of the other flowers have lost their loveliness makes this the flower loved most.

Below is a list of Mums we offer at a price anyone can afford. Strong potted plants that will bloom this fall; many new varieties that sold for much more last year.

AVAILABLE APRIL 1—JUNE 31

GARDEN VARIETIES

White Wonder—Ball-shaped white. L. Medium.

Butterball—Butter yellow. Low, compact plant. Button. Short.

Golden Hours—Chrome yellow. Pom. Med.

Pomponette—Excellent early yellow. Pom. Short.

Charles Nye—Deep lemon. L. Pom. Tall.

Rodell Imp.—Light lemon. Button. Med.

Early Bronze—Orange bronze. Button. Short.

Goblin—Golden bronze. Pom. Tall.

Red Glow—Dark red. Pom. Med.

Scarlet Crimson—Bright red. Dec. Med.

Ruby Pompon—Ruby crimson. Pom. Med.

Nye's Favorite—Lavender. Dec. Med.

Imp. Early Wonder—Deep lavender. Pom. Med.

CUSHION VARIETIES

White Cushion — White, shaded pink at center. Cushion. Short.

Yellow Supreme (H) — Bright Lemon. Cushion. Short.

Mahogany Cushion—Jasper red. Short.

Major Cushion—Lavender. Cushion. Short.

SPOON VARIETIES

Golden Spoon—Golden Yellow. Med.

Cardinal Spoon—Cardinal red, yellow tube. Spoon. Med.

Rose Spoon—Lavender rose. Spoon. Med.

Labeled: 35c each; 12 for \$3.50

Five-Foot Bamboo Cane Stakes

The best stake for staking Delphinium. Light to handle; tall, yet not unsightly, and of long duration. For best results, tie every 10 or 12 inches with Raffia or other similar material. Sold only in lots of 100.

100 for \$5.00

Information, Terms, Etc.

General Terms—Cash with order. We pay delivery charges on all orders of \$3.00 or more, to any point in the United States, unless otherwise stated in catalog. On orders of less than \$3.00, please include 25c to cover costs of postage, packing and handling.

Method of Shipment—All plants are carefully wrapped and packed. Shipment is made the best and cheapest way. Small orders are sent by Parcel Post, large orders by Pre-paid Express. If you are unable to receive orders by Pre-paid Express, please advise when placing your order.

Substitution—We attempt to keep a complete stock of the items listed in this catalog. As there are many factors entering into the production of plants, occasionally we are unable to supply certain items ordered. If we may substitute, please so indicate on your order blank, and if possible, give second choice. Otherwise, a refund will be made on those items we are unable to ship.

We Guarantee Satisfaction—If you are not pleased with your order, or if it reaches you in poor condition, please advise at once. If possible, a replacement will be sent you. If not, your money will be refunded. Should there be a mistake on your order, advise promptly, and we will do our best to correct it. No claims on damaged plants will be given consideration if made more than 10 days after receipt of your package.

All plants listed in this catalog are young, potted plants, in a healthy growing condition, and are shipped to you in the soil in which they were grown. Many of these plants are produced from seed, and, because of some variance in all flower seeds, occasionally a plant will be off color, or may grow a little different than noted in description. Even from seed, varieties should produce 95% true-to-name. Plants propagated from cuttings should be 100% true.

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